

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

## ~~Patent Claims:~~

### What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~trash can~~ refuse bin having a receptacle which contains a garbage bag and having at least one ring which can be placed onto ~~the~~ an upper edge of the receptacle and is used for fixing the garbage bag in place, ~~it being possible for the ring (10) to be~~ is secured in a latching manner on the receptacle ~~(11)~~ in the upper edge region thereof, wherein the ring ~~(10)~~ has two vertical, parallel ring legs ~~(10a, 10b)~~, the inner ring leg ~~(10b)~~ being situated on the inside of the receptacle ~~(11)~~ and the outer ring leg ~~(10a)~~ being situated on the outside of the receptacle.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein the receptacle (11) is an inner bucket for a trash container.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein the garbage bag ~~(12) can be~~ is fastened in such a manner to the receptacle ~~(11)~~ by means of the ring ~~(10)~~ which ~~can be~~ is placed on it so that it is concealed to the outside by the ring.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein a hoop ~~(13)~~ is attached to the ring ~~(10)~~ and can be is used to lift up the receptacle ~~(11)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ring ~~(10)~~ has at least one, ~~preferably at least two~~ latching regions ~~(14) region~~, in which it can be connected in a frictional ~~and/or~~ or form-fitting manner to an upper section ~~(11a)~~ of the receptacle.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 5, wherein at least one latching region ~~(14)~~ comprises a tongue which is resiliently elastic approximately in the radial direction.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 6, wherein the ring ~~(10)~~ has incisions ~~(15)~~ laterally next to a resiliently elastic tongue ~~(14)~~ of the latching region.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein a step ~~(16)~~ is formed on the receptacle ~~(11)~~ at a distance below the upper edge, and a latching region ~~(14)~~ of the ring ~~(10)~~ snaps over this step when being latched into place.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 8, wherein the receptacle ~~(11)~~ has, in the region of the step ~~(16)~~, an undercut ~~(17)~~ which is situated radially further inward.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 9, wherein the latching region ~~(14)~~ has in the lower end region, an angled section ~~(18)~~ which is directed radially inward and snaps over the step ~~(16)~~ into the undercut ~~(17)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least partially annular, concentric, upwardly protruding ring ribs ~~(19, 20)~~ are formed on the upper side of the ring ~~(10)~~ and the hoop ~~(13)~~ can be deposited between them.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein an outer ring leg ~~(10a)~~ and an inner ring leg ~~(10b)~~ are connected by a web ~~(10c)~~ which connects them and runs at right angles to them and is preferably situated on the upper edge of the receptacle ~~(11)~~ when the ring ~~(10)~~ is placed on it.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ring ~~(10)~~ has a web-like, approximately horizontal supporting region ~~(21)~~ for a lid of the ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin.